



For Immediate Release

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Press Release: COVID-19 Case Update for Ellis County

New cases: 2

Current active cases: 7

Recovered cases: 1

Total cases: 8

New cases: As reported by KDHE. Will be updated every 24 hours via press release from ECHD.

Active cases: As determined by the Public Health office. Patients are currently in isolation with daily contact from the ECHD.

Recovered cases: Following KDHE guidelines patients have completed isolation, have had significant improvement of symptoms and have gone 72 hours fever free with no fever reducing medication.

Total cases: Total number of lab-confirmed Covid-19 patients that reside in Ellis County. Includes both active cases and recovered cases.

The new, positive cases were identified through contact tracing by the ECHD and testing was sent to a private lab. These results will be verified by the CDC lab but will be treated as a positive unless determined otherwise. ECHD is following KDHE guidelines to identify any close contacts of the individuals. Contacts **will be notified** and directed to self-quarantine for 14 days. The two new, positive cases have a connection with each other and have not had recent travel to an area listed as a KDHE travel restriction.

Residents and visitors of Ellis County need to remain diligent in social distancing as well as basic precautions like washing your hands, covering your cough and staying home when you are ill. Continue to follow and understand guidance provided by CDC, KDHE and ECHD. Make the individual choice to protect yourself and others around you.

Stay informed as information changes frequently. For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/COVID19 or www.kdheks.gov/. Call the KDHE phone bank at 1-866-534-3463 (1-866-KDHEINF) Monday – Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. or ECHD at 628-9440.

